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(SBU) Germany was one of the first countries to sign the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, on September 15, 2005. According to MFA counterterrorism desk officer Anke Reiffenstuehl, the Bundestag (lower house of the German federal parliament) passed ratification legislation and implementing legislation on July 5, 2007. Both measures now move to the Bundesrat (parliament's upper house) for consideration in September. German officials hope to deposit the instrument of ratification by the end of 2007. Reiffenstuehl noted Germany has already ratified the other 12 UN counterterrorism conventions.
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